

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Claims 1-31 (cancelled).

32. (previously presented) An isolated polypeptide comprising SEQ ID NO:12.

33. (previously presented) The isolated polypeptide of claim 32 further comprising the amino acid sequence of a polypeptide selected from the group consisting of a poly-His peptide, a FLAG peptide, a peptide linker, a leucine zipper domain, and an Fc polypeptide.

34. (previously presented) The isolated polypeptide of claim 32 in non-glycosylated form.

35. (previously presented) An isolated polypeptide encoded by a nucleic acid molecule selected from the group consisting of:

- (a) an isolated nucleic acid molecule comprising a DNA sequence of SEQ ID NO:7;
- and
- (b) an isolated nucleic acid molecule degenerate from SEQ ID NO:7 as a result of the genetic code.

36. (previously presented) The isolated polypeptide of claim 35 in non-glycosylated form.

37. (previously presented) A polypeptide encoded by a recombinant nucleic acid, wherein the polypeptide is expressed by a method comprising culturing a host cell comprising said recombinant nucleic acid under conditions promoting expression of the polypeptide, and wherein said recombinant nucleic acid comprises a nucleotide sequence encoding the polypeptide and selected from the group consisting of:

- (a) SEQ ID NO:7; and
- (c) a nucleotide sequence degenerate from SEQ ID NO:7 as a result of the genetic code.

38. (previously presented) The polypeptide of claim 37, wherein the polypeptide is expressed by a method further comprising purifying the expressed polypeptide.

39. (previously presented) The polypeptide of claim 37, wherein the polypeptide is expressed by a method comprising culturing a host cell selected from the group consisting of bacterial cells, yeast cells, plant cells, and animal cells.

40. (previously presented) The polypeptide of claim 37, wherein the polypeptide is expressed by a method comprising culturing a mammalian host cell.

41. (previously presented) The polypeptide of claim 37 in non-glycosylated form.

42. (new) An isolated polypeptide comprising amino acids 389 through 491 of SEQ ID NO:12 and the amino acid sequence of a polypeptide selected from the group consisting of a poly-His peptide, a FLAG peptide, a peptide linker, a leucine zipper domain, and an Fc polypeptide.